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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements

dated April 28, 2002 (copy enclosed).

Applicant encloses the following document:

(1) Declaration For Patent Application
- executed by the inventors.


The large entity surcharge fee of \$130.00 for late filing the Declaration for Patent Application was submitted with the application as filed.

It is believed that the enclosed Declaration satisfies the outstanding requirement for acceptance of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

A Notification of Acceptance and an Official Filing Receipt are respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees necessary in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account No. 18-1743.

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